GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2910
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BAN ON IMPORT OF EDIBLE OILS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to ban the import of refined edible oils in order to safeguard the interests of the oil industry and oilseeds growing farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received complaints of adulteration of refined edible oil;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION V.SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): No, Sir. In order to harmonise the interests of domestic oilseeds growers, consumers and processors and to regulate large import of edible oils to the extent possible, the duty structure on edible oils is revised from time to time.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No, Sir.

(d)&(e): Does not arise.